Application No. 10/082,618 Amendment dated October 27, 2003 Reply to Office Action of July 28, 2003

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Re Application of:

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Title: BACTERIOCIN-METAL COMPLEXES FOR THE DETECTION OF PATHOGENS

AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL ANALYTES

## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 28, 2003. As this amendment is being filed within the three-month shortened statutory period set for response, no extension of time is necessary. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and request reconsideration of the application in light of the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 7 of this document.

Remarks begin on page 17 of this document.